State of Arkansas FIRE PROTECTION LICENSING BOARD

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ALL FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS LICENSED IN ARKANSAS

Beginning June 1St, 2014 The Fire Protection Licensing Board of Arkansas will begin the grandfathering of fitter licenses. To be grandfathered for a fitter license, the person must complete an application and have an affidavit signed by the RME, stating the requirements as in 4.3.3-4.3.7 of the Arkansas Rules and Regulations. These rules and Regulations states as:

4.3.3. Responsible Managing Employee, Inspector, and Installer Licenses

Original and renewal applications for a license from an employee of a firm engaged in the business shall be on forms provided by the Board and accompanied by the required fee. Each licensee shall pass the examination(s) administered by this board, as outlined in Section 4, Part 5 "examinations".

- 4.3.4. Original and renewal applications for a license from an employee of a firm engaged in the business shall be on forms provided by the Board and accompanied by the required fee.
- 4.3.5. One of the following documents must accompany the application to evidence technical qualifications for a **Responsible Managing Employee License.**
- 4.3.5.1. A copy of the applicant's current NICET Level III or Level IV Certificate or Wallet Card for fire protection automatic sprinkler system layout.
- 4.3.5.2. A copy of a diploma showing the completion of a Bachelor of Science Degree in Fire Protection Engineering (or Engineering Technology) from a recognized institution, along with a signed affidavit from an Arkansas licensed sprinkler business stating the individual has a minimum of three (3) years subsequent experience in fire sprinkler layout.

- 4.3.6. Where Inspector or Fitter's License Affidavits are required for applicants, such forms must be signed by the firm's RME testifying to the competency of the individual's training and having 6,000 hours of experience with fire protection sprinkler systems.
- 4.3.7. One of the following documents must accompany the application to evidence technical qualifications and /or having met certification requirements for an **Inspector or Fitter's license** prior to sitting for the exam.
- 4.37.1.1. An inspector or Fitter's License affidavit OR
- 4.3.7.1.2. Proof of registration with the US Dept. of Labor Fire Sprinkler Fitter Program in order to obtain a Fitter License.
- 4.3.7.1.3. Fitters may be grandfathered in for a license without sitting for any state exams provided that their employer submits An Inspector or Fitter's License Affidavit for the applicant prior to December 31, 2014.

Fitter testing will begin January 1, 2015.

Thank you,

Arkansas Fire Protection License Board